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REMARKS

The application has been amended. Claims 9 an 10 have been withdrawn from prosecution.

The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct species of the invention: Species I, as shown in Figures 1-5, and 9-10 and Species II, as shown in Figures 6-8. The Examiner has further required applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner has further stated that currently no claim appears to be generic. This determination is respectfully traversed.

Notwithstanding the traversal of the Examiner's determination and in an effort to be fully compliant with the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Species I, as shown in Figures 1-5 and 9-10. Applicant identifies claims 1-8 and 11-17 as being readable on this Species. Applicant further hereby withdraws from prosecution claims 9 and 10 which are readable on Species II of Figures 6-8.

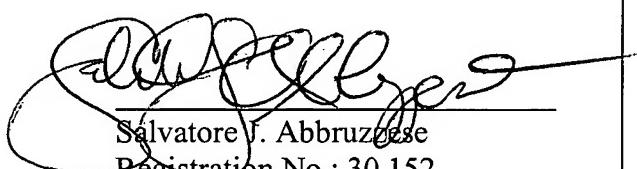
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is responded to in full by election of Species I and the identification of claims 1-8 and 11-17 as readable thereon. The application is therefore deemed to be in condition for examination on the merits.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this application in further detail, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone at (973) 331-1700.

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